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Selectmen's Minutes 06/06/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2005

7:15 p.m

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: January 5, 2004, February 23, 2004, May 19, 2005

Mr. Greeley moved approval of 1-5-04 and 2-23-04 minutes. SO VOTED (3-0)

Ms. LaCourt abstained.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of 5-19-05 minutes. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Affordable Housing Task Force

Mr. Greeley moved to table until Mrs. Dias is present. SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Reappointment: Constable

Vincent Natale, Jr.

(term to expire 6/25/08)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Natale thanked the Board for the reappointment.

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Update: Town Day and Request Permission for Raffle

Kathleen Darcy and Thomas Caccavaro

Mrs. Darcy, Co-Chair, gave an update on the 2005 Town Day status.

Mr. Caccavaro spoke regarding the new fundraising effort, a cash 50/50 raffle.

The Selectmen agreed they would like to see more crafts and booth selection given to Arlington residents and businesses.

The Selectmen thanked Mrs. Darcy and Mr. Caccavaro for all their volunteer efforts.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Caccavaro and announced that he will work with the Town Manager on special Park and Recreation projects.

5. Request: Contractor/Drain Layer License Renewal

Rhino Construction, 171 Newtown Rd., Acton, 01720

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Request: Special Permit Field Request, NPT Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, 7/10/05

Michael Maher, Production Coordinator, 2005 Boston Breast Cancer 3-Day

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to conditions of the Park and Recreation Commission. SO VOTED (4-0)

7. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. **Request: Stop Sign @ Intersection of Appleton St./Paul Revere Rd.**

Liz Reisberg, 20 Shawnee Rd.

Mr. Greeley moved to refer to the Transportation Advisory Committee. SO VOTED (4-0)

9. **Request: Residential Handicap Parking**

Mary MacMullin, 17 Mount Vernon Street

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. **Request: Permission to Park 60 Cars On Street Overnight, 6/13/05-6/15/05**

Julie Supple, Managing Agent

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to conditions set forth by Police.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. **Discussion: Downing Square**

Edward Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Carr Jones reported on the serious problems with the intersection for motorists, walkers, cyclists, and parking.

She recommends a trial solution of extending curbs into the intersection and using a raised crosswalk across Park Avenue.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

12. **Discussion: Phillips/Webster Streets**

Edward Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Starr recommends a stop sign for this intersection problem.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

13. **Discussion: Baby Safe Haven**

Jean and Michael Morrissey

Mr. Greeley moved to table until proponents can attend. SO VOTED (4-0)

14. **Discussion: Conflict of Interest/Recommended Committee to Study Arlington Financial Structure**

Selectman Kevin F. Greeley

Mr. Greeley spoke regarding that some people feel it would be a conflict of interest for him to be chair of the proposed new committee. Mr. Greeley is asking for Town Counsel's interpretation on this matter and asked that the Ethics Commission rule on the issue. Mr. Greeley reminded the Board that this is a reference/recommendation committee, there is no authority proposed for this committee. The other Selectmen agreed with Mr. Greeley and support him on this committee referencing that all Selectmen are committed and/or connected to Arlington in one way or another.

15. **Request: Payment of Bills**

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

16. **Article 19 – Noise Abatement**

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (3-1)

Mr. Greeley moved in the negative.

17. **Discussion: Town Manager Contract**

John W. Hurd, Chair

A Board sub committee's recommendation was to give the Town Manager the same raise that the Town employees are receiving, 2% raise retroactive January 27th and 2% effective July 1st. The Board agreed that they were very pleased with Mr. Sullivan's performance and that well over 40 hours a week was spent involved on Town events.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

18. Appointment: Transportation Advisory Committee

Joseph V. Cahill, P.E.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Arthur McHugh Speed zone roadways Be Rec'd
28 Mountain St.
Woburn

Cheryl Marceau Letter in support of Fox Library Be Rec'd
10 Cleveland St.

Julie McDaniel Letter in support of Arlington public libraries Be Rec'd
9 Walnut Terrace

Stephen J. Gilligan N-Star complaint Be Rec'd
77 Falmouth Rd.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greeley asked that the Board move to request in writing from NSTAR a report, including a resolution plan, regarding Mr. Gilligan's power outages.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt commented that there is 1 more ITAC appointment to be made and would like this appointment to be an agenda item in July.

Mr. Maher reported that regarding a school litigation case, alleged teacher misconduct to a child, the teacher was exonerated and the Town of Arlington was dismissed of all charges.

Mrs. Mahon requested Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Maher please check into and get information back to the Board regarding legal action reimbursement by the state if a Town or City prevails.

Mrs. Mahon reminded everyone that the kick off to the "Relay for Life" is 6:00PM Friday night and it ends 12:00PM, noon on Saturday.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee and an update on Dallin School and Peirce Field be future agenda items.

Mr. Greeley urged all residents to vote this Saturday for the override, a very important election so that Arlington could continue at the same level.

Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Sullivan and his staff for their help on the "Feast of the East". It was a fun day and a great success.

Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Sullivan to look into Sunrise Assisted Living Facility for additional heights employee parking spaces.

Executive Session

A true Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan